As the years go by each and every item or idea that we possess is but one step away from extinction. But we possess the power to encourage, refresh, restore, revitalize, and strengthen it. As each type of computer that is supported by this and that USER GROUP it endevors to keep it in perpetual motion. With this statement I give you the T/S 2068 COMPUTER. And at this date in time several of the members have be devoting their time to encourage other members to support this computer and a couple of its counterparts that were built in England: ie the SPECTRUM. And during the efforts taken along the road some of the Ideas that have been discussed have shown up in the pages of the few remaining magazines supporting the SINCLAIR/TIMEX line of computers. I am refering to the one and only COMPUTER SHOPPER and its list of writters that keep on talking about their orphan computers of which I will not go into here. But the most important ITEM is the listing of the current vendors still helping us to survive the NEVER ENDING STORY, just to use a title of a motion picture. Never the less get your self a AUGUST Issue of this great magazine. The list in this issue is fantastic to say the least. Going back to the beginning of this article use these people, companies to their fullest extent. I know that money is tight, and I am among you because I feel that I need to be selective in my buying of software, hardware but the people I do send my money to I hope understand my way of buying things for my computers. I want to thank Micheal O'Brien for a very informative article and am looking forward to more of his interesting articles by him and other TIMEX authors. If you can't subscribe to COMPUTER SHOPPER at least buy a copy from time to time as I do I use my computer buddies to browse thru and then decide to buy after the meeing. Micheal O'Brien says to write to him in care of COMPUTER SHOPPER with your questions or answers.

One of the Vendors that I use a lot of the time is RMG. Rod is one great guy, he has helped me survive this NEVER ENDING STORY for quite a while now. First with the A&J MICRODRIVE system. And then here more recently with the LARKEN DISK system that I bought and am learning to use more and more each day. I have been trying to select the proper programs from him that LARKEN has produced here as of late. And as things would have it word does get around to other people what type of equipment that you are using in the last Issue of SLIX Bill Miller has taken note that I have purchased the LARKEN system with dual 3.5 disk drives. My next Item I hope to get is a interface that I can commumicate with the old vintage printer GEMINI-10X, that has served me so well in the past few years to produce this newsletter. In this newsletter is an article by HERB BOWERS Sr. enclosed is a LLISTING of his MEDICARE INCOME TAX CALCULATOR program. He gives us his blessing to publish it in our newsletters. And if you need a 1000/1500 listing write to him at 2588 WOODSHIRE CIRCLE CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA 23323.

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3:REM Medicare Income Tax
         by Herb Bowers, Sr.
              071189

1 REM Starting with your 1989
returns, all individuals eligi-
ble for Part A Medicare benefits
will be subject to a tax "sur-
charge" if their tax liability
exceeds $150. The amount of the
surcharge will be based on tax
liability, with a maximum tax of
$800 for 1989.
2 REM If you are ELIGIBLE for
Part A coverage, the surcharge
will apply; you may not avoid
the tax by waiving Medicare ben-
efits. Those eligible for Part A
coverage include ALL individuals
age 65 or older and other young-
er disabled persons.
3 REM The tax will not apply
in the first year you become el-
igible unless you are eligible
for more than 6 months of the
year.
4 REM If both you and spouse
are eligible for Part A the an-
nual tax ceilings are doubled.
5 REM If only one spouse is
eligible and a joint return is
filed, the limit applies but the
tax is based on 50% of the
joint return liability regardless of
which spouse earned the income.
6 REM     TAX CEILINGS
        1989         $800
        1990          850
        1991          900
        1992          950
        1993         1050
7 REM Filing separate returns
will not reduce the liability.
Unless spouse live apart for the
entire year, the tax ceiling in
1989 for each spouse on a separ-
ate return is $1500, rather than
$800 making the maximum possible
tax $3200. If only one spouse is
eligible both are treated as el-
igible on separate returns; the
$800 ceiling applies.
8 REM This short 2K program
will quickly and accurately cal-
culate the MEDICARE TAX for you.
TO USE: Simply enter your tax
liability from your 1988 income
tax return or enter the amount
of your estimated 1989 tax lia-
bility.
9 REM The IRS will publish a
table to be used for the calcul-
ation of the tax but in the mean
time you can determine the tax
for yourself.
10 DEF FN a(f)=tax/150*r(f)
100 DATA 22.5,800,37.5,850,39,
    900,40.5,950,42,1050
110 POKE 23658,8: POKE 23609,10
120 CLS: LET q=0: LET t=0
130 DIM r(5): DIM s(5)
140 DIM t(5)
150 FOR f=1 TO 5
160 READ r(f),s(f)
170 NEXT f
1000 PRINT "MEDICARE INCOME TAX"
1010 PRINT '"WHAT'S YOUR FILING
     STATUS? (1-5)"
1020 IF INKEY$="" OR INKEY$<"1"
     OR INKEY$>"5" THEN GOTO 1020
1030 LET fs=VAL INKEY$: PRINT,fs
1040 IF fs<>2 AND fs<>3 THEN
     GOTO 1160
1050 PRINT '"DO BOTH YOU AND SPO
USE QUALIFY FOR MEDICARE. PART
A ? (Y/N)"
1060 IF INKEY$="" OR INKEY$<>"Y"
     AND INKEY$<>"N" THEN GOTO
     1060
1070 LET q=INKEY$="Y"
1080 PRINT ,"YES" AND q;"NO" AND
     NOT q
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1090 IF fs=2 THEN GOTO 1150
1110 PRINT '"DID YOU AND YOUR SP
OUSE LIVE TO-GETHER AT ANY TIME
DURING YEAR ?"
1120 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN GOTO
     1120
1130 IF INKEY$="" OR INKEY$<>"Y"
     AND INKEY$<>"N" THEN GOTO
     1130
1140 LET t=INKEY$="Y"
1150 PRINT ,"YES" AND t;"NO" AND
      NOT t
1160 PRINT '"ENTER TAX LIABILITY
 FROM YOUR    LAST FEDERAL INCOME
 TAX RETURN"
1170 INPUT  tax: PRINT ,"$";tax
1180 INPUT "IS THE ABOVE CORRECT
     ?", LINE q$
1190 IF q$(1)="N" THEN RUN
1200 FOR f=1 TO 5
1210 IF t OR q THEN LET s(f)=
     s(f)*2
1220 NEXT f
1230 IF fs=2 THEN LET tax=tax/2
1240 FOR f=1 TO 5
1250 IF tax<150 THEN GOTO 1290
1260 LET t(f)=FN a(f)
1270 IF (fs=2AND q)   OR t THEN
     LET t(f)=t(f)*2
1280 IF t(f)>s(f) THEN LET t(f)=
     s(f)
1290 NEXT f
1300 CLS
1310 PRINT 'TAB 5;"MEDICARE INCO
ME TAX"
1320 PRINT 'TAB 5;"YEAR";TAB 21;
"TAX"
1330 FOR f=1 TO 5
1340 IF t(f)>s(f) THEN LET t(f)=
     s(f)
1350 PRINT ''TAB 5;f+1988;TAB 20
+(t(f)<1000)+(t(f)<100)+(t
(f)<10);INT t(f)
1360 NEXT f
1370 PRINT AT 21,3;"COPY  DO AN
OTHER  QUIT"
1380 IF INKEY$="C" THEN PRINT AT
     21,0;TAB 31
     : COPY
     : GOTO 1370
1390 IF INKEY$="D" THEN RUN
1400 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO
     1370
1410 STOP
9999 CLEAR : SAVE "medicaretx" L
INE 100: SAVE "medicaretx" LINE
100: SAVE "medicaretx" LINE 100:
 VERIFY "": VERIFY "": VERIFY ""
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This is a very straight forward
program it fits right in with the
other modules you might have for
doing your taxes or other money-
type of programs you use time to
time. I want to thank Herb Bower
Sr. at this time to keep sending
us these little programs. Plus I
would like to also say thanks for
putting his A*B*B*A software into
Public Domain.

This is a very good example of
what I am trying to get across to
our supporters in general. Speak
of supporters I received a letter
from William Harmer of Ottawa up
Canada way. He states that he has
seen our address in SLIX and so-
has-decided to write. Along with
his short letter a packet of two
-three newsletters and describes
how he has become the editor--in
-chief of a once a year letter.

Also he asked if we would like
to exchange letters. Of which I
cannot see any reason why not. I
will be send some of ours his way
as soon as possible. His group
parellels our group quite a bit
and both should benefit.

Also received in the past month of Newsletters is one from the SEATTLE AREA TIMEX/SINCLAIR USERS GROUP (S.E.A.T.U.G.) C/O ROBERT CAZARES. He states in his cover letter he is determined to find out how many other users groups as still in existance and want to trade newsletters. As I have stated before within the newsletter we would be proud to trade newsletters with you. Some of the interests of the Seattle group include amateur radio. developing hardware and/or software for the TS1000 and TS2068. Also after reading their newsletter SWYM I took note that a associate editor Chuck Kereluck name jumped out at me but after a few minutes I remembered just where his name came from he previously wrote to me hoping to get a good copy of Stan Lemke's Pixel Print DTP. And as I see he and his associate editors have produced a fine newsletter.

The GRAGIST newsletter we receive from Donald S. Lambert of the Cedar Rapids and Greater Iowa users group talks about some of his experiences with his Larken Disk Interface and other equipment that he uses. He has experienced some problems with his disk drives that he has bought. Also Don writes about the LARKEN Sequential Random Access File Utility, of which I am greatly interested in not having heard much info except from the advertizements of RMG 's listing in his catalog. Does any one have a indepth article one can read on the program yet. Other than the discussions with Stan Lemke and he beleives that the problem is the version of his Larken equipment which is not a version number three (3). He beleives that his version 2.6 or 2. 8 I can't remember which is not the correct on for the Sequential File utility program.

I know that everyone is used to seeing the newsletter in Stan Lemke's DTP method. But just a short version is listed here it works swell with inserting a program such as Herb BOwers Sr. Tax Caculator is just the right size to input on to the screen. I know that I haven't been putting out a good newsletter now for quite sometime but hopefully one of these days I will have my old form back in action.

Well to the last news letter in the stack SLIX SincLink Information Exchange their issue of 8907&08. And as they state in the newsletter It's good to have a LARKEN DISK SYSTEM for the T/S2068 and they look forward to seeing a newsletter on disk soon. But I need some information as soon as you can send it to me. What method do you use to extract this ASCII off the disk? The best I can offer you is the TASWORD II method of saving and if you have another Idea please transmit it like I said ASAP. I would like to conclude with the INPUT of all of you folks to try and buy the August Issue of COMPUTER SHOPPER. It will help you to keep tabs on the VENDORS that you and I need to support and badly need in the time of WEAKING supoort. And as Micheal O'Brien states their is more to come so state tuned to his articles. TIMEX/SINCLAIR COMPUTERS FOREVER. Paul D. Reynolds KATS KOMPUTER KNEWS P.O. BOX 17579 Wichita. KS 67217 316-529-2575 after 4 PM.

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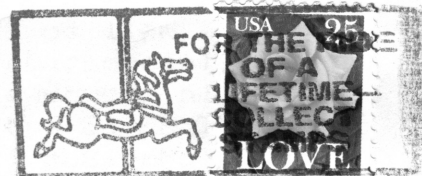
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